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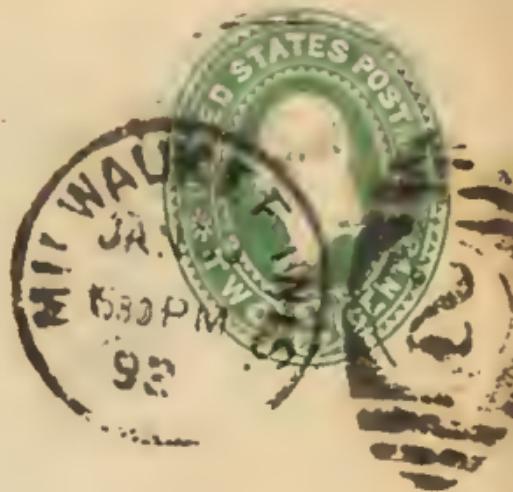
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Messrs H. H. Chapman
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[To Samuel Hudson
Chapman, Librarian of ANA]

[Discusses the accomplishments
and future goals of the ANA
after its first 6 months
as an organization.]

[Circular letter only.]

From 1, Mitchell Building.

Milwaukee, March 4th, 1881.

Mr. Samuel H. Chapman,

Librarian, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Six months will soon have passed since the Association was organized, and the question still remains, what has been accomplished? The only result appears in our having collected \$10000 from each member. It is true that for that dollar they receive a year's subscription to the papers - one a national publication; the other a paper very much mixed in its ingredients, but chosen, however, as our official organ.

Is this benefit satisfactory to our efforts? I think not. They will look to us for an account of our bewitching, and up to the present time we have achieved nothing. I believe our "guiding" Superintendent has a difficult task before him, to carry out successfully what is expected of the Association, and that the basis, in in getting the paper in started at once. In my opinion he should draw up such rules, etc., as he thinks he needs, with cost of printing, etc., and submit to the Official Board for prompt action. This should be in writing order before the next convention, so that the success of

M. Samuel H. Gruber

Librarian, Pittsfield Public Library, Pa.

failure may be fully demonstrated.

Members should be asked to express themselves through the Official Organ, of any suggestions they desire to offer, and this medium should be pointed out to them.

I also think it would be a good idea if we endeavored to obtain from members, through the same source, information regarding their collection - number, specialty, etc., and to invite them to freely use the Exchange columns of both Plain Talk and the Numismatist.

While I do not wish particularly to criticize the Official Organ Committee, yet I think we should have as an Organ a paper devoted exclusively to Numismatics, and while the information contained in the columns of "Plain Talk" is interesting and instructive, it does not seem to me to be characteristic of our science; and does not occupy the position that should be filled by the Official Organ of our Association.

Finally please consider this letter not as an outburst of frenzied zeal, but as an expression of one member of the Official Board against any lukewarmness in the fulfillment of our duties, and I hope that it will be kindly received and suggestions from the members of the Board be forthcoming, which will ultimately ripen into action.



We should make a success of our undertaking, and give something for our successors to work upon, so that in the end Numismatists may find a pleasure and an honor in becoming a member of the American Numismatic Association.

Yours truly,

David Harlowe

Members should offer their suggestions, I suppose, through the Secretary, but no method of communication has yet been adopted or even outlined.

